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UM'S FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT ENROLLMENT SETS RECORD

MISSOULA--

Full-time equivalent student enrollment for spring semester 2001 at The University of Montana has set a spring semester record, according to figures just released by the registrar's office.

The FTE count is 10,565, an increase of 34 over last spring. An FTE represents 15 undergraduate or 12 graduate semester credits.

The student headcount of 11,944 fell just one short of last spring's record-setting 11,945, which indicates a near zero impact resulting from the decrease in adjunct instructors.

"The headcount is down by one student, so in those terms it's not a record enrollment for headcount because it's one lower than last year," said UM President George Dennison.

"But what is really significant for me is that it's up by 34 FTE over last year, which means that we have a new record for FTE.

"And what it really says is that classes must have been available so that students could register. I'm really pleased by that outcome."

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